(d) to (f) The debt waiver and debt relief scheme for farmers covers all direct agricultural loans disbursed by private Scheduled Commercial Banks also.

The Farm Credit package of June, 2004, *inter-alia,* includes relief measures for farmers indebted to non-institutional lenders, including moneylenders, by providing them loans from banks against appropriate collateral or group security. However, due to lack of proper documentation, transparency and authenticity of data coupled with poor accounting methods, so far loans worth Rs. 105 crore only have been disbursed in about 36,000 accounts.

Inroads made by terrorists into stock exchanges

†2410. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists have made inroads into stock exchanges;

(b) whether an amount worth Rs. 3 lakh 60 thousand crore through Participatory Notes (P. Notes) have been invested in capital market during the four year's ruling of current Government;

(c) whether Pakistan has managed to push fake currency worth millions of rupees over past 36 years under the garb of Jehadi missions used clandestinely against India by ISI—sponsored terrorist web; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) SEBI has informed that there is no evidence of the participation of terrorist outfits in the stock market.

(b) SEBI has informed that as per monthly reports filed by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), the outstanding value of participatory notes as on February 2008 amounts to Rs. 3,22,743 crores.

(c) and (d) RBI has informed that they have no information in this regard.

IPO of reliance infratel

2411. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether market regulator the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has sought clarifications on the proposed Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Reliance Infratel;

(b) if so, the details of clarifications sought from the company by SEBI;

(c) whether Government is aware of manipulated higher price band of Reliance Power Ltd. (RPL), which was listed 20 per cent lower the price band fixed by merchant banker of RPL; and

(d) if so, what steps Government proposed to take to determine the right price band of Reliance Infratel in the interest of small investors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) SEBI has informed that it has sought certain clarifications on the IPO of Reliance Infratel.

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(b) SEBI seeks clarifications from Merchant bankers who file the offer document on behalf of issuer company. In case of M/s Reliance Infratel Ltd. clarifications were sought regarding its business operations, Promoters/Promoter Group, Schemes of Arrangement and Board of Directors.

(c) and (d) Under the current regulatory regime, the price is discovered through book building mechanism by the market while issuer company is required to indicate the basis for issue price in the prospectus with the help of relevant qualitative and quantiative factors. In market environment, the price discovered is the appropriate price at that moment under the circumstances. When circumstances change, the price also changes and then it would appear that the IPO was overpriced or underpriced. Going by the level of the oversubscription to the IPO of Reliance Power, it appears that the Reliance Power was not overpriced. But, on the day of listing the closing price was Rs. 372.30 against an issue price of Rs. 450.

Investments by banks in share markets

†2412. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that certain nationalised and commercial banks want to invest banks' money in the share market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the Authority responsible to pay customers' money in case banks' money sinks due to volatility for share market; and

(d) the guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (d) To enable the banks have appropriate risk management and internal control systems, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued guidelines on "Bank Financing of Equities and Investment in Shares" on 11th May, 2001. Further, to rationalise the prudential capital market exposure norms prescribed for the banks, RBI issued guidelines on "Banks' exposure to Capital Markets—Rationalisation of Norms" on 15th December, 2006. In terms of these guidelines, the aggregate exposure of a bank to the capital markets in all forms (both fund based and non-fund based) should not exceed 40% of its net worth, as on March 31 of the previous year. Within this overall ceiling, the bank's direct investment in shares, convertible bonds/ debentures, units of equity-oriented mutual funds and all exposures to Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) (both registered and unregistered) should not exceed 20% of its net worth. The banks have also been advised to formulate a Board approved transparent policy and procedure for investment in shares and other permissible instruments, constitute Investment Committees; build up adequate expertise in equity research by establishing a dedicated equity research department, etc. RBI guidelines provide that the Investment Committee of the concerned bank is accountable for the investment made by the bank. The detailed guidelines are available on RBI website *www.rbi.org.in.*

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